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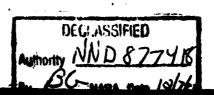
31-S SECRET Control: 6184 Action OCTOBER 3. Rec'd: EUR FROM: BERLIN 2:04 P.M. Info McK TO: Secretary of State SS 363, OCTOBER 9, 5 P.M. 15 G SP C PRIORITY L INR SENT DEPARTMENT 363, REPEATED INFORMATION MOSCOW 107, PR)OR H BONN 321, LONDON 95, PARIS 85. RMR REFERENCE: OURTEL 358 TO DEPT, 316 TO BONN AND PREVIOU BRITISH COMMANDANT HAS NOT YET MET WITH GENERAL ZAKHAROV. AT 1030 THIS MORNING BRITISH STILL WERE AWAITING DEFINITE APPOINTMENT. DELAY NOT INCONVENIENT IN LIGHT CHANGED SITUATION REPORTED OURTEL 359 (317 TO BONN). IN MEANTIME COMMANDANTS AND DEPUTIES ARE MEETING TO DISCUSS NEW APPROACH BRITISH COMMANDANT SHOULD TAKE WITH ZAKHAROV. POLADS HAVE ALREADY MET TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON FLAG CRISIS. BRITISH AND FRENCH AGREED WITH U.S. ON RECOMMENDED LINE BRITISH CHAIRMAN SHOULD TAKE IN MEETING WITH ZAKHAROV, I.E., STRONG -STATEMENT POINTING OUT DANGER PERMITTING GDR ENCROACHMENTS IN WEST BERLIN AND STATING WE EXPECT NO REPETITION OF THIS FLAG RAISING (USPOLAD RECOMMENDED ZAKHAROV BE INFORMED WE WOULD NOT TOLERATE A REPETITION, BUT BRITISH NOT WILLING TO MAKE THIS STRONG A STATEMENT). POLADS ALSO AGREED MAKE FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS TO COMMANDANTS NEXT WEEK AFTER REVIEWING LESSONS LEARNED IN HANDLING THIS AFFAIR, INCLUDING PREPARATION OF POLICIES AND PLANS TO MEET SIMILAR SITUATION IN FUTURE. AS OF NOON TODAY ALL BUT TWO FLAGS OVER S-BAHNOINGTALLATIONS HAVE DISAPPERED. ACCORDING TO VARIOUS USUALLY BE ABLE SOURCES ORDERS TO LOWER FLAGS TRANSMITTED FROM KARLSHORT TO REICHSBAHN OFFICIALS 3 P.M. OCTOBER 8. REICHSBAHN ISSUED CORRESPONDING ORDERS 8 P.M. GDR FLAGS CONTINUE TO BE DISPLAYED IN EAST

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